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| In re application of : GROT, et al. |) | |
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| Serial No. 10/691,760 |) | Group Art Unit: 2613 |
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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December 14, 2006

Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006. Please amend the application as indicated below and consider the remarks that follow.

This Response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Therefore, no extension of time is believed to be required. If, however, any additional fee is due, please debit Deposit Account Number 50-3718.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 8.